

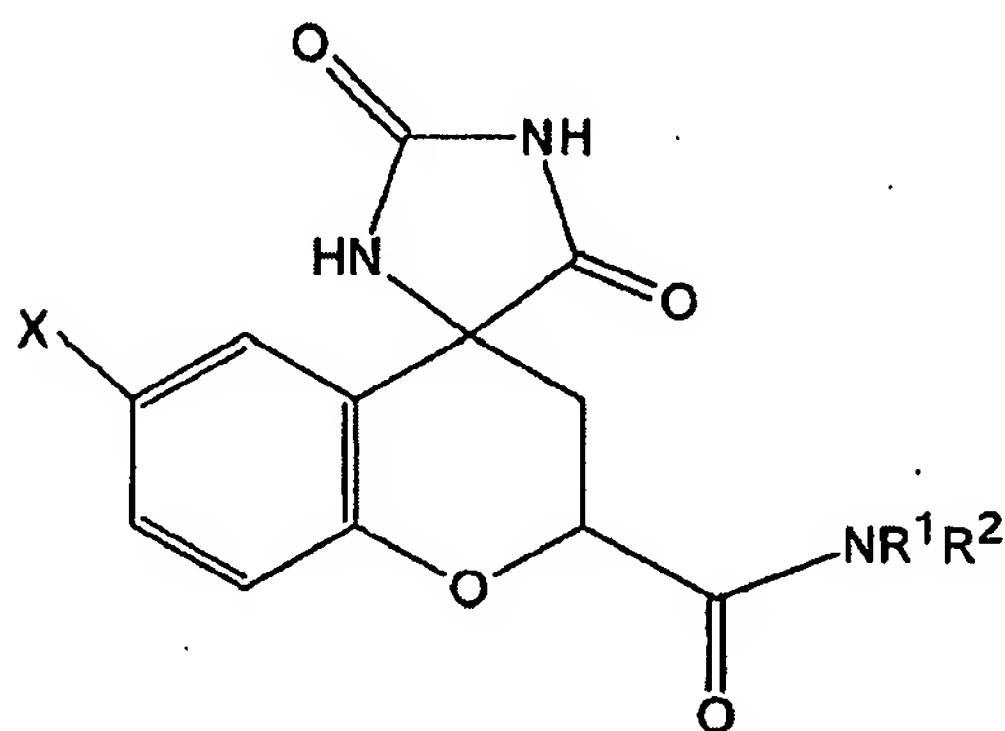
### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~preventing/ameliorating~~ treating diabetic maculopathy in a mammal comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein X represents a halogen or a hydrogen atom, and R¹ and R² concurrently or differently represent a hydrogen atom or a C1 to C6 alkyl group, ~~or R¹ and R², together with a nitrogen atom bound thereto and optionally another nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom, are combined to form a 5- to 6-membered heterocycle.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method for ~~preventing/ameliorating~~ treating diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, wherein the compound is administered in the form of an oral agent.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for ~~preventing/ameliorating~~ treating diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, wherein the compound is (2S, 4S)-6-fluoro-2',5'-dioxospiro [chroman-4,4'-imidazolidine]-2-carboxamide.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method for preventing/ameliorating diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, which is for use in treating one of macular edema or and retinal pigment epitheliopathy in diabetic maculopathy~~ comprising the method according to claim 10.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method for preventing/ameliorating diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, which is for use in improving visual acuity or and inhibiting a deterioration of visual acuity in diabetic maculopathy~~ comprising the method according to claim 10.

15-17. (Cancelled).